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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE -- APPEAL FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION - RESPONSE  
FROM SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A. SECSTATE 200915

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 195483

(SBU) As requested (Ref A), CDA Hartley on November 3 approached DFA's Humanitarian Directorate official Sipho Seakamela, to request that the SAG strengthen its contributions to the international effort to provide earthquake relief and rehabilitation to Pakistan and encouraged senior-level participation at the November 19 reconstruction conference. Seakamela said DFA would review the information, see what might be possible and get back to post. On November 3, PolCounselor delivered points (Ref A) to DFA Acting USA Office Director Liezl Combrink in follow-up to the October 24 demarche, per Ref B. South African contributions to Pakistan, based on an October 10 DFA public statement and media reports, include: 18 doctors, 12 paramedics from the Department of Health and Netcare911, and 30 tons of aid (medicines, tents, tinned food and blankets). An NGO, Gift of the Givers, reportedly donated R3 million.  
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